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EDITOR'S REMARKS

Another good turnout of members at the January meeting when final proposals were made for committee officers for the ensuing year. No posts were contested and the nominees will take their posts at the A.G.M.** (see *overleaf*). It was voted unanimously that the post of social secretary would no longer be necessary. As most members are still in their post Xmas hibernation period, I have had to make good use of my spare time. To this end, I have designed, printed and laminated brand new membership cards which now show the actual name of the association!!

Cards are now available for all paid up members and can be collected from the treasurer upon payment of the annual fee which, under the new rules, is due in January. I have also added new photographs

to our website as I feel it is important that there should be fresh images / information placed there regularly. We want surfers to visit our site regularly but they will soon stop looking at the site if it is allowed to stagnate. Thankfully, working closely with our webmaster, Gerry Lawson, this aim is easily achievable. Many members are now viewing copies of the newsletters online and thereby saving the extortionate costs of hard copy production, providing the committee with some extra funds to benefit it's members. As many of you know, my alter ego is ' The Dragon Quizmaster', and every week I raise money for a local charity, Asociacion de Alzheimers in Torrevieja.

Many ARPO members have attended my quizzes and donated to this very worthwhile cause for which I am very grateful. On 25th January, Val and I attended the association's conference held at Torrevieja Parish Hall and I was surprised to be awarded with a framed certificate of thanks from the association's president, Tomas Ballester Herrera. I reciprocated by presenting him with a cheque for 875 euros

from donations made by my quiz teams.

Once again, thanks to all who attended and gave money for this local charity. As donations make up 20% of it's funding, they are invaluable to enable this charity to grow. All that remains is to ask everyone who booked the February lunch at Casa Nicolas, to pay Keith Giles for the meals ordered at the February meeting. Also, please contact George Patterson to book the Chinese meal which has been re-scheduled to 28th March. This is no ordinary Chinese meal - don't miss it!

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TREASURER'S CHEST

Cash in hand stands at €81.09 and cash in the bank stands at €1730.00 giving a total of €1811.09. Our membership presently stands at 112. The monthly €25 draw was won by the treasurer!

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DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE	CONTACT
WED 14 FEB	10.30AM		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sacko's Bar	966786108
WED 28 FEB	1.30PM	12.50€	Casa Nicolas Los Altos de Limonar	Keith Giles 966774724
WED 14 MAR	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
WED 28 MAR	1.00PM	13.00€	Grand China Restaurant, La Siesta	George Patterson 966702863
WED 11 APR	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
TUES 24 APR	tba	12.50€	Coach trip to Jalon Valley and lunch at Monroe's Carvery	Jim Wood 966764434

****NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Jim Wood
Vice Chairman	Roy Coombes
Secretary	Mike Peters
Treasurer	Lawrence Bilbey
Ass. Treasurer	George Patterson
Information Officer	Lyn Organ

With no opposing nominations for any of the above posts, the election of the above named at the Annual General Meeting will be automatic.

LETTER OF THANKS

The following correspondence was received from Roy Coombes. -
 'Please add a note of thanks to all the committee as I will be seeking to stand down at the AGM. For the past two years I have been Chairman during which I have been served exceedingly well by the committee of Mike Peters, Jim Wood and Lyn Organ. They have worked tirelessly with their wives and their assistants and all have produced a progressive and financially sound association. My thanks to you all for supporting me throughout my term of office.'

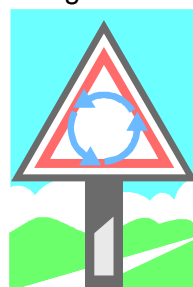
LIKE TO SING ?

The Harmonisers are recruiting new members, especially guys with tenor voices. Meetings Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.30hrs at

Los Arcos Restaurant. Contact Brian White on 966789444 if you are interested.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND ???

How many times have we driven around a Spanish traffic island and been cut – up by those darn Spanish drivers ?? How many times have we cursed and cursed ?? We all know how to negotiate an island, don't we? In Spain, we always give way to traffic coming from our left – straightforward you may think,



EXCEPT when you are negotiating an island !!! For example, in Spain, if you are driving in the 'right hand lane' on the approach to an island and stay in that lane on the island, you have the right of way even if you are turning left OR going

around the island!!!!

So, the next time you approach a traffic island in the 'left hand lane' with the intention to go straight ahead, do not be surprised if the car on your right drives across your path. Woe forbid there will be a collision and the friendly Guardia attend !

(The worst thing to say would be ' But it's legal in the UK').

HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY
'TIENEN UN VIAJE SEGURO'